

34. The method of Claim 32, wherein transmitting occurs after a first vehicle trigger event.

35. The method of Claim 34, wherein the first vehicle trigger event comprises at least one of shutting off the engine, removing the vehicle key from the ignition switch, opening or closing the vehicle door, or locking the vehicle.

36. The method of Claim 34, wherein the server begins a clock after the determined vehicle location is received.

37. The method of Claim 36, further comprising:

generating a complete transaction signal at the vehicle based on a second trigger event; and

sending the generated complete transaction signal to the server, wherein completing the payment transaction comprises:

stopping the clock after the server receives the complete transaction signal from the vehicle; and

determining an amount of payment required based on an elapsed time of the clock.

38. The method of Claim 37, wherein the second vehicle trigger event comprises at least one of unlocking the door, inserting the key in the ignition switch, opening or closing the vehicle door, starting the vehicle, or moving the vehicle a threshold distance from the vehicle's previous location.

39. A computer-based vehicle parking system comprising:

a server comprising:

a communication component configured to receive the determined vehicle location information from a vehicle;

a processor configured to automatically complete a payment transaction; and

memory for storing transaction completion and vehicle location information; and

a computer-based, portable parking attendant device comprising:

a first component for determining attendant device location information; and

a second component for sending the determined device location information to the server,

wherein the processor of the server is further configured to compare stored vehicle location information to receive device location information, and determining if a vehicle is within a predefined distance from the parking attendant device based on the comparison, and



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wherein the communication component of the server sends the results of the determination to the parking attendant device, and the parking attendant device presents the results of the determination.

40. The system of Claim 39, wherein the communication component of the vehicle is configured to send the determined vehicle location after a first vehicle trigger event occurs.

41. The system of Claim 40, wherein the first vehicle trigger event comprises at least one of shutting off the engine, removing the vehicle key from the ignition switch, opening or closing the vehicle door, or locking the vehicle.

42. The system of Claim 40, wherein the server begins a clock after the determined vehicle location is received.

43. The system of Claim 42, wherein the vehicle further comprises a component configured to generate complete transaction signal based on a second trigger event, wherein the communication component of the vehicle is further configured to send the generated complete transaction signal to the server, wherein the transaction completing component is further configured to stop the clock after the server receives the complete transaction signal from the vehicle, and to determine an amount of payment required based on elapsed time of the clock.

44. The system of Claim 43, wherein the second vehicle trigger event comprises at least one of unlocking the door, inserting the key in the ignition switch, opening or closing the vehicle door, starting the vehicle, or moving the vehicle a threshold distance from the vehicle's previous location.



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